

<u>Abstract</u>

"Method for Electroless Metalisation of Polymer Substrate"

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A method of activating and metallising an aromatic polymer film including the steps of:

- treating a first surface of the film with a basic solution;
- applying to said first surface of the film an aqueous seeding solution comprising polymer-stabilised catalyst particles; and
- immersing the film in an electroless plating bath comprising ions of a desired metal so as to deposit a layer of said metal onto the first surface of said film.

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[Figure 1]